

by him for the use of a mission church in Morrellville. Motion carried.

Brother I. D. Bowman, as Field Secretary, made a statement as to his work while holding that office. Moved by Brother Mackey, seconded by Brother Wise, that the report be received and included in the reports of the State Secretary of Missions. Motion carried. Brother Spanogle, as a member of the committee on Parochial Report, brought the following letter from the Philadelphia church relative to securing credentials for Brother Atwood before the convention :

PHILADELPHIA, PA., June 2, 1897.

To the convention of Brethren churches held at New Enterprise, Pa., June 3-6, 1897, greeting:—This is to certify that Alfred F. Atwood is a minister in good standing and full communion with the Brethren church of Philadelphia.

(Signed) WM. KOLB, JR., Sec.

After considerable debate on the matter the following resolution was offered by Rev. J. C. Mackey and accepted by the convention: Resolved, That the letter from the Philadelphia church indicating the ministerial standing of Brother Atwood be approved, that the Philadelphia church be directed to forward Brother Atwood's credential to the secretary, and that the seal of the State Convention be affixed thereto.

Singing by the congregation. The mission work was again taken up. Brother Replogle gave a report on the spiritual work accomplished during the time between September 19, 1896, and May 31, 1897, as follows: Additions by baptism, 119; by relation, 10; total, 129. Moved by Brother Cassel and seconded by Brother Smouse that the report be received and spread on the minutes. Motion carried.

Brothers Bowman, Holsinger and Haskins spoke at some length on the mission work. Brother Bowman made a motion, seconded by Brother Mackey, that we proceed to the election of mission board officers. Carried. Brother R. Z. Replogle made mention of the officers to be elected. Moved by Brother Cassel and seconded by Brother Mackey that the district boards be dismissed, they being non-essential to the mission work. Carried. Moved by Brother J. H. Knepper and seconded by Brother Mackey that brothers Daniel Crofford and R. Z. Replogle be re-elected for the term of three years on the mission board. Carried. Moved by Brother Smouse and seconded by Brother Wise that we proceed to the nomination and election by ballot of a Field Secretary. Carried. The following nominations were made: Revs. Henry Wise, E. E. Haskins, R. E. Darling, E. H. Smith, J.

F. Koontz and R. Z. Replogle. Nominations closed and the Moderator appointed the following tellers: Brothers Cassel, Goughnour and Mentzer. While the balloting was progressing, Brother Knepper made some remarks for the benefit of the convention, suggesting that we should separate the time of business from spiritual and social sessions. Tellers reported "no election," and Brothers Koontz and Replogle's names were stricken from the names of nominees. Tellers reported "no election" on the second ballot and the names of Brothers Darling and Smith were dropped from the list of nominees. Moved by Rev. R. Z. Replogle, seconded by Rev. J. C. Mackey, that the evening sessions in our future conventions be devoted *entirely* to the social and spiritual work, and the day sessions to the transaction of business. Carried. The tellers, on third ballot, reported the election of Rev. Henry Wise as Field Secretary. The election was made unanimous.

A motion was made and carried that at the evening session Brother Wise should be set apart for this special work by the "Laying On of Hands," the services to be conducted by elders Holsinger, Wampler and Hildebrand. Note.—This service was deferred till Sunday morning and was conducted by elders Holsinger, Wampler and Mackey.

A motion was made and carried that an order be drawn on the treasurer for the sum of \$5.00 in favor of brother S. L. Buck, to be applied to the payment of incidental expenses made in the preparation of this State Convention.

Moderator Spanogle introduced Rev. A. D. Gnagey, who was afterwards followed by brother J. C. Cassel, they presenting to the convention a statement of the business interests of the *Brethren Evangelist*. Moderator made announcements. Music by the congregation. Adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

FOURTH SESSION.

Convened at 2:05 P. M., Moderator Spanogle in the chair. Opened with singing by the congregation, and prayer by brother Henry Wise. Minutes of former session read and approved. Moved by Brother Knepper, seconded by Brother Wise, that an order be drawn on the treasurer for \$3.40 in favor of former secretary, M. C. Meyers, for the payment of incidental expenses incurred while he was in office. Carried. Moved by brother J. C. Mackey, seconded by brother J. C. Cassel, that an order be drawn on the treasurer for \$5.00 in favor of the present secretary for services rendered. Carried.

The topic, "How can we Induce Members of the Church to take the BRETHREN

EVANGELIST?" being the first number on the program was discussed by Rev. M. C. Meyers and Rev. A. D. Gnagey, as per assignment. Brothers Cassel and Wampler succeeding in obtaining fifty subscribers for the paper. Music by the choir. The next topic on the program, "What Constitutes Biblical Inter-Congregational Church Government," was opened by Rev. R. E. Darling and Rev. J. W. Smouse. It was decided as the sense of the convention to drop this topic, and not to continue further discussion. At this juncture, Rev. M. C. Meyers made a motion, seconded by Rev. W. A. Harmon, that Rev. E. E. Haskins be permitted to speak in reference to the condition of Ashland College. Carried. Brother J. C. Cassel followed Rev. Haskins with a talk on the subject. Rev. M. C. Meyers offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this convention again approve their apportionment of the debt of Ashland College, and appoint a solicitor to canvass the several congregations that have not yet responded to their quote. Moved by Rev. R. Z. Replogle, seconded by Rev. M. C. Meyers, that the resolution be adopted. On the question of adoption, the following persons made remarks: Revs. Darling, Holsinger, Wampler, and Mackey. The resolution finally carried. Moved by Rev. M. C. Meyers seconded by Rev. R. E. Darling, that Rev. E. E. Haskins be appointed solicitor on the Ashland College Debt. Carried. By motion the following officers were elected: Rev. J. B. Wampler, re-elected member of Board of Supplies, for term of three years. Brother Wampler also re-elected as a member of Board of Appeals, and Rev. M. C. Meyers was re-elected a member of Board of Trustees.

Singing by the congregation. Adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M.

FIFTH SESSION

Was called to order by Moderator Spanogle, at 7:30 P. M. Singing by the congregation. Reading of Scripture by Rev. J. I. Hall. Prayer by Rev. Swinehart, of Masontown, and singing by the congregation. Minutes of the previous session read and approved.

Rev. J. W. Smouse, as member of the committee on Parochial Statement, made the following report:

No. of members at beginning of year,	1627
" " " added during the year,	
(a) By baptism,	277
(b) By relation,	69
(c) By letter,	27
Whole number,	373
No. of removals during year,	44
" " members died during year,	12
Total number of members at end of year,	1973
No. of communions during year, public, 30,	
private, 4, total,	34